IN THE CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product ~~(200)~~ against theft, in which a security unit ~~(1)~~ has a monitoring mode ~~(130)~~ in which a theft attempt will cause the system to switch to an alarm mode ~~(120)~~, the method ~~characterized in that~~comprising: deactivating, in the monitoring mode, ~~(130)~~ a receiver ~~(6) that is~~ housed in the security unit ~~(1) is deactivated, specifically is switched off,~~; and activating ~~in that~~ the receiver ~~(6) is activated, specifically is switched on,~~ when the security unit ~~(1)~~ is shifted to the alarm mode ~~(120)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ is terminated when the receiver ~~(6)~~ receives a signal from the transmitter ~~(5)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the security unit ~~(1)~~ has an on-state mode ~~(100)~~ in which the receiver ~~(6)~~ is activated~~, specifically is switched on,~~ and ~~in that~~wherein the system is shifted from the on-state mode ~~(100)~~ to a connect mode ~~(110)~~ when the receiver ~~(6)~~ receives a signal from the transmitter ~~(5)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the receiver ~~(6)~~ is deactivated~~, specifically is switched off,~~ when the security unit ~~(1)~~ shifts to the connect mode ~~(110)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 3 ~~or 4~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, in the connect mode ~~(110)~~, the security unit is ~~(1) can be~~ prepared for a shift to the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ is shifted from the connect mode ~~(110)~~ to the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ if it is not prepared within a preset time interval for a shift to the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ is placed in the on-state mode ~~(100)~~ when it is switched on~~, specifically when it is connected to an energy source~~.

8. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product ~~(200)~~ against theft, in which a security unit ~~(1)~~ is connected to a central unit ~~(10)~~ via connectors ~~(4)~~, and in which the central unit ~~(10)~~ has a monitoring mode ~~(130)~~, in which a theft attempt will result in a shift to an alarm mode ~~(120)~~, the method comprising:~~characterized in that~~ deactivating, in the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~, a receiver ~~(6)~~ that is housed in the central unit ~~(10) is deactivated, specifically is switched off,~~; and activating ~~in that~~ the receiver ~~(6) is activated, specifically is switched on,~~ when the central unit ~~(10)~~ is shifted to the alarm mode ~~(120)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ is terminated when the receiver ~~(6)~~ receives a signal from a transmitter ~~(5)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 8 ~~or 9 characterized in that~~, wherein the central unit ~~(10)~~ has an on-state mode ~~(100)~~, in which the receiver ~~(6)~~ is activated~~, specifically is switched on,~~ and ~~in that~~wherein the system is shifted from the on-state mode ~~(100)~~ to a connect mode ~~(110)~~ when the receiver ~~(6)~~ receives a signal from the transmitter ~~(5)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the receiver ~~(6)~~ is deactivated~~, specifically is switched off,~~ when the central unit ~~(10)~~ shifts to the connect mode ~~(110)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 10 ~~or 11~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and/~~or~~ the central unit are ~~(10) can be~~ prepared in the connect mode ~~(110)~~ for a transfer to the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the central unit ~~(10)~~ is shifted from the connect mode ~~(110)~~ to the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ if at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and/~~or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ have not been prepared within a preset time interval for a shift to the monitoring mode.

14. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~ claim 10 ~~through 13~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ is shifted to the on-state mode ~~(100)~~ when it is switched on ~~, specifically when it is connected to a power source~~.

15. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein the transmitter ~~(5)~~ transmits a selection signal that is received by the receiver ~~(6)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the selection signal used to terminate the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ and the selection signal used to shift the system to the connect mode ~~(110)~~ are the same.

17. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 15, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the security unit has an on-state mode in which the receiver is activated and wherein the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ is not terminated if a selection signal received during the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ differs from the selection signal that was received by the system in the on-state mode ~~(100)~~.

18. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~ claim 15 ~~through 17~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the selection signal is encoded.

19. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~ claim 15 ~~through 18, characterized in that~~, wherein the selection signal is stored in the receiver ~~(6)~~ in a volatile memory ~~, preferably in a RAM (random access memory)~~.

20. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~15 through 19~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ and the central unit ~~(10)~~ are switched off and on in series, in order to subsequently transfer a selection signal to the security unit ~~(1)~~ and the central unit ~~(10)~~, respectively.

21. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~15 through 20~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~, to transmit the selection signal from the transmitter ~~(5)~~ to the receiver ~~(6)~~, a remote operating system~~, specifically a radio remote operating system,~~ is used.

22. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~15 through 21~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the selection signal is transmitted by a transmitter ~~(5)~~ to at least one other transmitter.

23. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~claim 8, wherein one or more operating modes for at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ are indicated via at least one of an optical and~~/or~~ acoustic signal.

24. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 23, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one of optical and~~/or~~ acoustic signal is modulated based upon the amount of time remaining in the time interval.

25. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 8, wherein~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ a status of a power source for at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ is monitored.

26. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 25, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one of an acoustic and~~/or~~ optical signal is emitted based upon the status of the energy source.

27. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 8, wherein at least one of ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ multiple security units ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ multiple central units ~~(10)~~ are operated using a single transmitter ~~(5)~~.

28. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~claim 1, wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ is equipped with a bracket component ~~(2)~~ for mounting on the product ~~(200)~~, and wherein~~in that~~, in attaching the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~, a monitoring of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ for proper attachment to the product ~~(200)~~ is activated.

29. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 28, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ is equipped with a mounting component ~~(3)~~ that is connected to the bracket component ~~(2)~~ via connectors ~~(4)~~, for fastening to a mounting point ~~that preferably cannot be stolen~~, and wherein~~in that~~, in attaching the mounting component ~~(3)~~ to the mounting point, a monitoring of the mounting component ~~(3)~~ for proper fastening to the mounting point is activated.

30. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~28 or 29~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~, in at least one of attaching the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~ and~~/or in~~ attaching the mounting component ~~(3)~~ to the mounting point, the monitoring is activated, wherein~~in that~~ in at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ and~~/or in~~ the mounting component, ~~(3)~~ a measuring loop that comprises ~~sensors~~ at least one sensor is closed.

31. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 30, ~~characterized in that~~wherein when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the product, ~~(200) and/or~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~ from the mounting point and~~/or~~ the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the mounting component ~~(3), especially by severing the connectors (4)~~, the measuring loop is opened.

32. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 28, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1), especially the bracket component (2), can be~~ is connected~~able~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~ via the connectors ~~(4)~~, and wherein~~in that~~, in the connection of the security unit ~~(1)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~, a monitoring for proper connection of the security unit ~~(1)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~ is activated.

33. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 32, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, in at least one of attaching the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~ and~~/or in~~ connecting the security unit ~~(1)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~, the monitoring is activated, and wherein ~~in that~~ in the bracket component, ~~(2)~~ a measuring loop comprising sensors is closed.

34. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 33, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the product ~~(200)~~ and~~/or~~ the security unit ~~(1) from the central unit (10), especially by severing the connectors (4)~~, the measuring loop is opened.

35. (Currently Amended) Device for protecting a commercial product ~~(200)~~ against theft, ~~wherein~~ comprising a security unit ~~(1) has~~including a monitoring mode, wherein ~~(130), in which~~ a theft attempt will result in the security unit ~~(1)~~ shifting to an alarm mode ~~(120)~~, ~~characterized in that~~and including a receiver housed in the security unit, wherein ~~-~~ the receiver is deactivated in the monitoring mode ~~(130) a receiver (6) that is housed in the security unit (1) is deactivated, specifically is switched off,~~ and activated in the alarm mode ~~(120) is activated, specifically is switched on~~.

36. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 35, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ has an on-state mode ~~(100)~~, in which the receiver ~~(6)~~ is activated~~, specifically is switched on~~.

37. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 35 ~~or 36~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the security unit ~~(1)~~ has a connect mode ~~(110)~~, in which the security unit is ~~(1) can be~~ prepared for a shift to the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~.

38. (Currently Amended) Device for protecting a product ~~(200)~~ against theft, ~~wherein~~ comprising a security unit ~~(1) is~~ connected to a central unit ~~(10)~~ via connectors ~~(4)~~, ~~and wherein~~ the central unit ~~(10) has~~including a monitoring mode ~~(130),~~ in which a theft attempt will trigger a shift to an alarm mode and including a receiver housed in the central unit ~~(120)~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the receiver is deactivated in the monitoring mode ~~(130) a receiver (6) that is housed in the central unit (10) is~~

~~deactivated, specifically is switched off,~~ and is activated in the alarm mode ~~(120) is activated, specifically is switched on~~.

39. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 38, ~~characterized in~~wherein the central unit ~~(10)~~ is equipped with an on-state mode ~~(100)~~, in which the receiver ~~(6)~~ is activated~~, specifically is switched on~~.

40. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 38 ~~or 39~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the central unit ~~(10)~~ is equipped with a connect mode ~~(110)~~, in which at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and/~~or~~ the central unit ~~(10) can be~~is prepared for a shift to the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~.

41. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~3~~5~~8 through 40~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ is equipped with a bracket component ~~(2)~~ for attachment to the product ~~(200)~~.

42. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 41, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a monitoring is~~can be~~ activated via an attachment of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~.

43. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 41 ~~or 42~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ is equipped with a mounting component ~~(3)~~ that is connected to the bracket component ~~(2)~~ via connectors ~~(4)~~ and is intended for mounting the unit to a mounting point ~~that preferably cannot be stolen~~.

44. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 43, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a monitoring ~~can be~~is ~~activated~~ activateable by attaching the mounting component ~~(3)~~ to the mounting point.

45. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 41 ~~or 42~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1) can be~~is connectable~~d~~ via connectors ~~(4)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~, and wherein~~in that~~ a monitoring is~~can be~~ activateable~~d~~ by connecting the security unit ~~(1)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~.

46. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~3~~5~~8 through 45~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a transmitter ~~(5)~~ that is designed as a remote operating system~~, specifically as a radio remote operating system,~~ is provided for transmitting signals to the receiver ~~(6)~~.

47. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~3~~5~~8 through 46~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ comprises a ~~preferably~~ volatile memory~~, preferably a RAM (random access memory),~~ for storing a selection signal.

48. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~35 through 47~~ 38, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ is equipped with at least one of an optical and ~~or~~ an acoustic signal generators ~~(7)~~.

49. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 48, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the optical signal generators are designed as light-emitting diodes ~~(7a)~~.

50. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 48 ~~or 49~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the acoustic signal generators are designed as piezoelectric transducers ~~(7b)~~.

51. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim ~~35 through 50~~38, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a housing of at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ is at least partially translucent or transparent.

52. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims 35 through 51~~claim 38, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ and~~/or~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~ are equipped with a measuring loop formed by ~~sensors~~at least one sensor.

53. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 52, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the measuring loop of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ and the measuring loop of the mounting component ~~(3)~~ are connected in series.

54. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~52 or 53~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the measuring loop~~(s) can be~~ is opened up when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the product, ~~(200) or~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~ from the mounting point, and ~~or~~ the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the mounting component ~~(3), specifically by severing the connectors (4)~~.

55. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~52 through 54~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the sensors are designed as at least one of electrical sensors, ~~especially as ohmic sensors that preferably comprise foil-type conductor loops, or as~~ capacitive sensors and~~/or as~~ optical sensors.

56. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~35 through 55~~8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ and~~/or~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~ are provided with an adhesive layer ~~(2a)~~ for at least one of affixing the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~ and~~/or~~ for affixing the mounting component ~~(3)~~ to the mounting point~~, which preferably is comprised of a double-sided adhesive strip~~.

57. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 56, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the adhesive layer includes ~~as the~~a double-sided adhesive strip~~, the adhesive strip that is sold by the Beiersdorf firm under the trade name "Tesa power strip" is preferably used~~.

58. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim ~~56 or 57~~6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the adhesive layer ~~(2a)~~ adheres more strongly to at least one of the product and~~(200) or to~~ the mounting point than to at least one of the bracket component and~~(2) or to~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~.

59. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~56 through 58~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the adhesive layer~~(s) (2a)~~ is~~/are~~ provided with a grip tab ~~(2d)~~.

60. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~52 through 59~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the sensors are integrated at least partially into the adhesive layer ~~(2a)~~.

61. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 43 ~~through 60~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the receiver ~~(6)~~ is housed in at least one of the mounting component and ~~(3) or in~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~.

62. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 43 ~~through 61~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a battery compartment ~~(8)~~ is provided in at least one of the mounting component and ~~(3) or in~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~.

63. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 41 ~~through 62~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the bracket component ~~(2)~~ is provided with a first mounting point ~~(2b)~~ and a second mounting area ~~(2c) preferably designed as a flat surface~~, wherein the second mounting area ~~(2c)~~ is more flexible than the first mounting point ~~(2b)~~.

64. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 63, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a material thickness at the first mounting point ~~(2b)~~ is greater than a material thickness at the second mounting area ~~(2c)~~.

65. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 43 ~~through 64~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the mounting component ~~(3)~~ is equipped with a retractor device ~~(9)~~.

66. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 43 ~~through 65~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the connectors ~~(4)~~ are designed as cable~~, specifically as flat ribbon cable~~.

67. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 43 ~~through 66~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the mounting component ~~(3)~~ is at least one of ~~can be~~ suspendable~~ed~~ and~~/or~~ latchable~~ed~~ in the bracket component ~~(2)~~.

68. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 43 ~~through 67, characterized in that~~, wherein the mounting component ~~(3)~~ and the bracket component are ~~(2) can be~~ coupled by ~~means of~~ a magnet.